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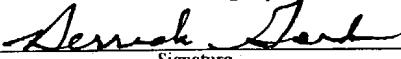
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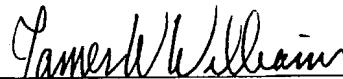
- (1) Akamatsu et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,752,101, issued May 12, 1998; and
- (2) Takahashi et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,861,620, issued January 19, 1999.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

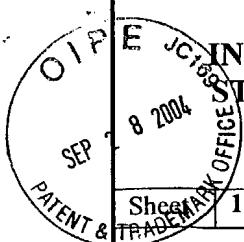
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